Slum Population in Mumbai

†929. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people residing in Dharavi which is the biggest slum of Asia;

(b) the total population of Mumbai and the number of people residing there in slum; and

(c) whether Government have any plan for the upliftment of the people leading a hell-like life in the slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, 2,76,719 persons were residing in Dharavi Declared Slum Area in 1985. However, as per their estimation, in 1995 the population would be around 3,45,899.

(b) The Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) conducted a study on slums in 1995-96 and brought out a report titled "A Compendium on Indian Slums—1996". According to this Report during 1991 the population of Greater Mumbai Urban Agglomeration was 125.962 lakh and the identified/estimated slum population living in slums of Mumbai was 43.205 lakh.

(c) For upliftment of the conditions of the people living in slums, the Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) Scheme is in operation in the State Sector through which basic facilities like water supply, sewerage, storm water drains, community facilities are provided in the existing slums by the State Governments. During 1996 to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum dwellers the Central Government launched a scheme namely National Slums Development Programme (NSDP). Under NSDP the Government is providing funds in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA)

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for provision of basic amenities in improving the slums in States/ Union Territories.

Moreover the National Housing and Habitat Policy envisages slum redevelopment and relocation where necessary by the State agencies.

Foreign Assistance for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

930. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh had discussions with World Bank and representatives of the Italian Government to seek financial assistance for poverty alleviation programme in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) whether the State Government has constituted a task force to chalk out the programme to be taken up under this project;

(c) the total financial assistance World Bank has agreed to provide; and

(d) whether both World Bank and Italian Government have agreed to provide funds for meeting the financial aspect of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The World Bank and Italian government are in discussions with Government of Andhra Pradesh for a possible urban poverty reduction project. The scope of the project in terms of components and location will be finalized based on the strategy of Government of Andhra Pradesh and Banks' analytical activity on Urban Poverty.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has constituted a working group to formulate the State's Urban Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy.

(c) and (d) The financial terms of the project are yet to be finalized.